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**THE USS KINGFISHER NAVY VESSEL ARRIVES TODAY AT THE
HART PLAZA IN DETROIT**

Detroit, June 21, 2000-The Detroit Wayne County Port Authority (DWCPA) is proud to announce that the Navy vessel USS Kingfisher will arrive today at 2:30 P.M. at Hart Plaza in the City of Detroit. The ship will be visiting Detroit from June 21 -26 as part of the Navy's annual Great Lakes cruise. Free public tours of the Kingfisher will be available from 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. during weekdays and 10. A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on the weekend.

The USS Kingfisher is one of two Navy ships participating in this year's Great Lakes cruise. Each year the Navy hosts the cruise to give Great Lakes communities a first hand opportunity to see their Navy. It also gives local recruiters the opportunity to show potential recruits what the Navy is all about. "We are very pleased that the Navy chose to return to the City of Detroit after a five-year absence, as part of their Great Lakes Cruise itinerary. The ship's visit emphasizes the importance of the Port of Detroit and the Great Lakes to our national security. I hope that the youth and the citizens of metropolitan Detroit will take advantage of the educational opportunity of the free tours of the Kingfisher," says John Jamian, DWCPA's executive director.

The Commanding Officer of the Kingfisher, Lt. Comdr. Michael Hall, will be available for interviews following the ship's arrival today. Interested media should contact Lt. Kate Perreault at (901) 569-2497.